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1. FROM THE STANDPOINT OF PRINCIPLE AND PRECEDENT, WE
SEE NO OBJECTION TO UN OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE OECD
SECRETARIAT. APART FROM THE EC COMMISSION (WHICH INVOLVES
A FEW SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS) AND COMECON, OTHER MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SECRETARIATS HAVE OBSERVER STATUS
--GATT, IMF, AND THE IBRD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ARGU-
MENTS ABOUT IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UN AND THE
OECD SECRETARIAT, MORE TIMELY DOCUMENTATION, OR SIMILAR
CONSIDERATIONS SEEM TO US ESSENTIALLY MARGINAL. JUST ABOUT
ANYTHING OECD MIGHT WANT IN THE WAY OF INFORMATION IS READILY
AVAILABLE IN ANY CASE.

2. ONE OF THE POINTS IN REFTEL DOES GIVE US PAUSE. WE
WOULD NOT FAVOR AN OECD SECRETARIAT PRESENCE TO "PROVIDE
ASSISTANCE SHOULD OECD COUNTRIES WISH TO CAUCUS AT THE
UN AS SUCH ON NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES." SUCH A
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DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IF PURSUED ACTIVELY, COULD
REPRESENT AN OPENING SWEDGE TOWARD CREATING THE UNCTAD
GROUP B SYSTEM IN NEW YORK. WHATEVER THE PROS AND CONS
OF THIS SYSTEM IN GENEVA, WE ARE CONVINCED--AS WE HAVE
REPORTED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS--THAT US INTERESTS HERE
ARE BEST SERVED BY (A) INFORMAL COORDINATION BETWEEN THE
US AND OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS, AND (B) THE PRACTICE

OF THE US DELEGATION'S SPEAKING FOR ITSELF IN UN MEETINGS
ALBEIT ON THE BASIS OF HARMONIZED WESTERN POSITIONS WHERE
PRACTICABLE. (NATURALLY OUR VIEWS ON THE NEW YORK SITUATION
HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WESTERN POLCIY COORDINATION IN THE
OECD ITSELF WHICH WE FAVOR.)

3. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON US INTERESTS
IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION,
PARTICULRLY OECD BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS.
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